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In re Application of: Bartlett et al.

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Response to Final Office Action

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 25, 2005.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 12-15, 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Baskett et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0011336 A1). In response to applicants' argument that Baskett does not anticipate the claims because element 10 is not a tubing hanger (see 04/27/05 Response to Office Action, page 6, lines 5 et seq.), the Examiner contends that element 10 functionally acts as an extension of the tubing hanger 4 since the upper end of element 10 allows for the hanging of a production string and the stab 12 sealingly mates element 10 with the tubing hanger 4 (07/25/05 Office Action, paragraph 3).